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SUBJECT: PREPCON II - PROPOSED ITINERARY

EYES ONLY FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM SORENSON

1. FRENCH HAVE FORMALLY ADVISED THAT PREPCON WILL RESUME ITS MEETING AT 11:30 A.M. OCTOBER 13 (MONDAY) AT AVENUE KLEBER CONFERENCE CENTER. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN OFFICIAL LUNCHEON FOR HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AT 1:15 PM, HOSTED BY THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, DE GUIRINGUAD.

2. WE ARE PRESENTLY IN PROCESS OF SCHEDULING BILATERAL MEETINGS FOR YOU ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12. DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO HAS REQUESTED A MEETING WITH YOU AT 10:00 ON SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12. HE ADVISES THAT THIS IS THE ONLY HOUR HE WOULD HAVE FREE FOR A MEETING ON SUNDAY. HEAD OF THE IRANIAN DELEGATION, MR. MOHAMMED YEGANEH, HAS SUGGESTED A MEETING AT 2:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY. THE INDIANS  
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ALSO SEEK A MEETING, AND WE EXPECT EVENTUALLY TO

RECEIVE PROPOSALS FROM A NUMBER OF OTHER HEADS OF DELEGATIONS.

3. BELIEVE IT URGENT, THEREFORE, THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO ARRANGE BILATERALS ON SUNDAY WITH AS MANY HEADS OF DELEGATION AS CAN BE ARRANGED. THIS WOULD MEAN, HOWEVER, EITHER (A) RESCHEDULING YOUR DEPARTURE TO FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 10, SO THAT YOU WOULD HAVE SATURDAY TO REST AND BE READY TO BEGIN BILATERALS EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, OR (B) ADHERING TO YOUR PRESENT SCHEDULE--WHICH IS TO DEPART SATURDAY EVENING AT 5:00 PM, OCTOBER 11, ARRIVING SUNDAY MORNING AT 7:30 AM--AND ACCEPTING THE RISK THAT ANY DELAY IN FLIGHT ARRIVALS, AS DURING THE LAST PREPCON, WOULD DISRUPT THE BILATERAL AND MIGHT MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO WORK EVERYONE INTO AN ACCEPTABLE SCHEDULE.

4. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING I WOULD FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO MOVE YOUR TRAVEL SCHEDULE UP TO A FRIDAY EVENING DEPARTURE AND PROCEED TO SCHEDULE BILATERALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON SUNDAY. (I HAVE INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING SATURDAY MORNING--WHICH WOULD REQUIRE YOU TO FLY AIR FRANCE--BUT FIND THAT THE TRAVEL REGULATIONS ARE SUFFICIENTLY RIGID ON THE USE OF FOREIGN CARRIERS THAT I WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST IT.) THE OTHER POSSIBILITY, IF YOUR RETURN FROM MOSCOW CONTINUES TO SLIP, WOULD BE TO FLY DIRECTLY TO PARIS FROM MOSCOW, IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD MEET YOU WITH POSITION PAPERS, BRIEFING MATERIALS, ETC.

5. FINALLY, WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION LEAVING FOR PARIS THROUGH THE WEEK, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO SCHEDULE A DELEGATION MEETING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO ENSURE CLOSE COORDINATION. THIS COULD, OF COURSE, BE DONE MONDAY MORNING BEFORE THE OPENING SESSION OF THE PREPCON, BUT THERE WOULD BE DEFINITE ADVANTAGES IN DOING IT SUNDAY MORNING BEFORE THE BILATERALS, OR EVEN BETTER ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THIS ARGUES FURTHER FOR YOUR CONSIDERING A FRIDAY

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EVENING DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON OR FLYING DIRECTLY TO PARIS FROM MOSCOW.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO ARRANGE BILATERALS ON SUNDAY; (2) THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO RESCHEDULE YOUR DEPARTURE TO FRIDAY EVENING; OR (3) ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU FLY DIRECTLY TO PARIS FROM

MOSCOW. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST SO THAT WE MAY  
COORDINATE WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION. KISSINGER

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